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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	15826	Agenda Number	17.
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Meeting Date:	6/14/2012	Department:	Transportation
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Subject

Approve an ordinance amending Section 12-4-64 (D) of the City Code to establish a speed limit of 25 miles per hour on Ridgehaven Drive from Cameron Road to Berkman Drive.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$900.00 is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Operating Budget of the Austin Transportation Department for the installation of necessary signs.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:

Prior Council Action:

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Additional Backup Information

In order to modify or alter the existing speed limit of a street, the Texas Traffic Laws require that a traffic engineering investigation be performed. An engineering review of Ridgehaven Drive was conducted by the Traffic Engineering Division of the Austin Transportation Department. Ridgehaven Drive is a 30-foot wide residential street between Cameron Road and Berkman Drive with front-facing residential homes. It runs parallel to Larkwood Drive, Ridgemont Drive, Cloverleaf Drive, and Corona Drive located south of it. These streets are also 30-foot wide residential streets between Cameron Road and Berkman Drive with front-facing homes. The speed limit on Larkwood Drive, Ridgemont Drive, Cloverleaf Drive, and Corona Drive is 25 mph. Due to the similarity between these parallel streets in terms of geometric features, parking conditions, and traffic volumes, the driver expectancy of same speed limit on these streets is justified. Therefore, in terms of the functionality of Ridgehaven Drive to the parallel streets and to provide consistency, a speed limit of 25 mph is justified.

As a result, the Traffic Engineering Division recommends adding the following amendment to Code Section 12-4-64 (D) Table of Speed Limits:

Add: Ridgehaven Drive between Cameron Road to Berkman Drive (25 mph).